

REMARKS

In response to the Decision issued by the Board Of Patent Appeals and Interferences, allowance is now respectfully requested in view of the amendment above and the following remarks. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 12 and 14-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 12 are independent claims and are amended. Claims 4, 10-11 and 13 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and 102(e)

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and (e) as being unpatentable over Adriaans. The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences concluded that the Examiner erred in rejecting claims 4, 13 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and (e). Therefore, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate all the elements recited in claim 4 and claim 12 has been amended to incorporate all of the elements recited in claim 13. Claim 1 is thus claim 4 in independent form and claim 12 is claim 13 in independent form. Based on the claim amendments, Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are now allowable and request that the rejection of the pending claims be withdrawn.

Disclaimer

Applicants may not have presented all possible arguments or have refuted the characterizations of either the claims or the prior art as found in the Office Action. However, the lack of such arguments or refutations is not intended to act as a waiver of such arguments or as concurrence with such characterizations.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve in any way to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Office is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 22106-00012-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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